7th November 1947]

Sir Norman Strathie Engineering Works.

* 131 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an Engineering works named after Sir Norman Strathie has been organized on a co-operative basis;

(*b*) if so, the number of ex-servicemen employed in the works and the nature of the articles made there;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that large quantities of surplus articles especially those of iron and steel have been purchased for these works;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some of these surplus articles have been sold to private persons without making use of them;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative whether the previous permission of Government was obtained both for purchase and afterwards for sale;

(*f*) whether the works are engaged in making trusses, etc., for private persons and companies;

(*g*) whether there is any scope for making agricultural implements for which there is great demand; and

(*h*) whether the working of these works is being properly supervised and who the supervising authority is?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Hon. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Minister for Food):—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The number of ex-servicemen employed in the workshop is 108 and the nature of articles produced are as follows:—

(1) Machinery required for the other ex-servicemen's co-operatives such as sheet metal working machinery, brick and tile manufacturing machinery, simple wood working machinery.

(2) Iron roof trusses.

(3) Metal parts for charkas.

(4) New type of rice hullers called 'Rama Hullers' (power-driven and hand operated).

" (*c*) The following surplus materials were purchased from the Disposals Department:—

	TONS.
(1) Aero propeller blades	$5\frac{1}{2}$
(2) Stainless steel sheets	$2\frac{3}{4}$
(3) Naval craft	11
(4) Pontoon cells with fittings	125
(5) A.P. Shots	1,989
(6) Brass and copper scrap	$\frac{1}{3}$

" (*d*) Yes. The Naval craft and pontoon cells with fittings have been sold to private persons.

" (*e*) No.

" (f) Yes.

" (g) Yes.

" (h) Yes. The General Superintendent of the Public Works Workshop is a member of the Board of Directors. The workshop is under the personal supervision of a Junior Superintendent of the Public Works Workshops and the Technical Expert of the Directorate is in general charge of the workshop.

As the full complement of Co-operative Workshop Schemes, for which this workshop was intended to produce machinery have not been formed and as it is not possible for it to rely on private orders, the Government have since ordered its dissolution after completing the works on hand."

Ministers' tours.

* 132 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement giving particulars of districts visited, number of days spent and travelling allowances drawn by the Hon'ble Ministers from 1st April to 31st July 1947?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" A statement* showing the particulars is laid on the table of the House."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it for the purpose of administration that these Ministers tour or is it only for private pleasure? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Not for private pleasure, Sir. It is no pleasure to travel in these days." (Laughter.)

The Tungabhadra Industries, Limited, Kurnool.

* 133 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) what the authorized capital and the subscribed capital of the Tungabhadra Industries, Limited, Kurnool, are;

(b) what the amount of subscribed capital held by this Province and of the Ceded Districts in particular is;

(c) whether one of the conditions originally agreed to was to employ local people for a certain percentage of posts in the factory;

(d) whether the company also agreed not to install expellers;

(e) whether any of the conditions originally imposed were altered subsequently to placate the company and, if so, what the altered conditions are;

(f) whether the Articles of Association of the company permit them to engage themselves in all kinds of business besides manufacture of Vanaspathi;

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